

CAUGHT IN AN ICE FLOE AT NIGHT.

Thrilling Experience of Charles Searles and Two Young Women.

With Daughter and Sister-in-Law He Started to Cross Great South Bay.

Their Small Rowboat Became Wedged in a Field of Floating Ice.

WEATHER WAS COLD AND WET.

For Hours They Struggled and Finally Reached Shore Exhausted—Relief Party Started Out to Find Them—Their Miraculous Escape.

Babylon, L. I., Jan. 5.—Charles Searles, president of the Denmore Typewriter Company, New York, a familiar figure in Wall Street and one of the best known residents of this place, being a member of the local Board of Education and Master of Babylon Lodge F. & A. M., had an experience with an ice floe last night, while attempting to cross the Great South Bay, which he will never forget.

Searles is an expert amateur yachtsman, and owns a cottage at Oak Island, which he occupies during the Summer. Yesterday he became possessed with a desire to visit the castle, and in company with his sister-in-law, Miss Mary Barto, and his oldest daughter, Frances, he started for the island in an open rowboat, and reached there safely. After making a brief stay he decided to return, as he was expecting company that evening which he did not wish to disappoint.

At 3 p. m. Searles and his companion embarked on the homeward trip. It was raining heavily and a thick fog had set in. The baymen would not have undertaken the trip, but to Searles, who has spent many Summers sailing on the bay, the voyage was nothing more than a pleasure trip. Wrapping an old piece of canvas around his daughter and sister-in-law, and placing a compass in front of him, he pushed off the shore into the fog.

Searles's story of his trip across the dark as told by him to a Journal representative is as follows:

"We pushed off and I seized the oars and began rowing north by west with the intention of striking a little enter. There creek, which I wished to enter. There was no ice in the bay, but at any had formed and I had no idea that any had formed since, until we were threatened to smash our boat to pieces. I tried to break my way through it, but found it impossible. I then got out on the ice, which partially gave way with me, and succeeded by hard work in pulling the boat up on the floe. I crept back into the boat and rigged up the canvas so as to shield us from the rain. "I was wet and pretty nearly exhausted and matters began to look very serious. I had no idea where we were. Finally I got up and decided to do something. I yelled, but no one answered. Finally I got the boat into the water again, and we all began to row, but soon we were in the ice again. We worked out of the ice again and continued rowing in order to keep our blood in circulation, believing that we would have to remain in the boat until daylight. It began to blow, and the situation was anything but inviting. Finally we espied a light and made for it. Upon reaching shore we climbed out of the boat. "We had no idea where we were, but finally learned that we had been carried down the bay several miles. We walked home, a distance of six miles, and today feel no ill effects from our adventure."

A party of Free Masons who were to have been Mr. Searles's guests last evening, upon learning that he had not returned home, telegraphed Captain Charles E. Arnold, of Oak Island Life Saving crew, to search for him, whereupon they started out on a rescue party, and after a long search were able to render the missing man some aid.

The experience of the Searles party is regarded as the most thrilling on record, and old baymen say that it was a miracle that they were not all crushed to death or drowned in the floe.

SILVER SERVICE ON VIEW.

Magnificent Gift of the Citizens to the New Cruiser Brooklyn.

The handsome silver service for the cruiser Brooklyn has been completed, and yesterday it was placed on exhibition at the art rooms in Montague street, Brooklyn. Only those who subscribed to the fund of \$10,000 for its purchase were invited to the first day's view.

The service will be on exhibition for several days. To-day the invited guests of the firm which made the service will view it, and to-morrow the art rooms will be thrown open to the citizens of Brooklyn, who can view the splendid service which is to be presented to the great warship named after their city.

The presentation ceremonies will be held some time next month. The new cruiser is now at Philadelphia, but will sail in a few days to Newport, where she is to take on board the President's party. The ship will then, unless some unforeseen emergency arises, visit Brooklyn.

There were 3,500 invitations issued for yesterday's exhibition. A special detail of blue-jackets and marines were present to guard the silver service.

TEN MEN COME OUT AHEAD.

Faction in Long Island City Defeated in the General Committee.

The Platt faction of the Republican party in Long Island City won a signal victory over their independent opponents last Tuesday night, when Coroner Benjamin G. Strong defeated former Police Justice Lucius N. Manley for the chairmanship of the Republican General Committee by a majority of twenty-seven votes.

The Manley faction has always opposed the machine Republicans, who are led by Coroner Strong and ex-Assemblyman Henry C. Johnson.

The machine men met with little opposition when former Alderman E. J. Knauer nominated Coroner Strong. Charles Becker presented the name of ex-Justice Manley, who received only fourteen of the fifty-five votes.

The committee then endorsed George Ripperberger for Postmaster and Theodore Engelhard for Collector of Internal Revenue under the McKinley Administration.

CLUNG TO THE RUNAWAYS.

Although Dragged Half a Mile Detective Kortright Succeeded in Stopping Mrs. Perkins's Horses.

If one fond mother's wishes shall be of any account then Detective Robert Kortright, of the New District Police Station, is sure to have a path strewn with roses in the future. The residents of Bay Ridge are contemplating giving the officer a fitting testimonial for his heroic act of yesterday afternoon, when he saved the lives of Mrs. Carl Perkins and her little six-year-old daughter Florrie.

Mrs. Perkins and her daughter were taking advantage of the beautiful weather to go out carriage riding. The carriage was drawn by a couple of thoroughbred hackneys. They were going along nicely, when one of the horses shied, and getting the bit between his teeth started away at a merry clip. The other horse, frightened at his action, pricked up his ears and helped his comrade to make a smart pace.

All this had occurred at Ovington avenue, the principal thoroughfare of Bay Ridge, and though the street was lined with pedestrians none tried to stop the runaway animal. Detective Kortright, who had just left the station house to go on duty, was standing on the corner of Ovington avenue and Sixtieth street. He saw the frenzied horses coming in his direction, and he made for the middle of the roadway. He was just in time to catch the near horse's bridle with his left hand and began pulling with all his strength in an effort to slacken the speed of the pair. For fully half a mile he was dragged along the rough pavement. His clinging on until the animals had exhausted their speed and finally brought them to a standstill. He escaped with a few bruises about the lower limbs, and after brushing up at the police station, again went on duty.

Mrs. Perkins and her little daughter suffered a good deal from shock, and were attended by Dr. Cochrane.

BOY BURGLAR CAUGHT.

Seventeen-Year-Old Charles Holzschue Detected Robbing a Former Employer.

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ROUND-UP OF YOUNG TRUANTS.

Fourteen Brooklyn Boys Who Preferred Theatres to Schools.

Caught Standing in Line Waiting to Purchase Gallery Tickets.

Grabbed by the Collars and Taken Away by Unfeeling Policemen.

LECTURED AND SENT HOME.

Superintendent of Public Schools Maxwell Says He Proposes to Continue These Raids Until He Has Terrorized the Young Offenders.

There was a round-up of truant boys in Brooklyn yesterday, and when heads were counted thirty numbered fourteen. The move was so swift, sudden and unexpected that the youths who were gathered in didn't realize what had happened until they reached the office of the Board of Education in Livingston street.

William H. Maxwell, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, decided a few days ago to put an end to truancy by a round-up which would terrorize the boys. He learned that the "hooky players" were devotees of the vaudeville, the melodrama and heavy tragedy, and that they were

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FORTUNE FOR A VILLAGE BELLE.

Pretty Edna Durycia Left \$50,000 by Her Deceased Great Uncle.

He Met His Death in a Tragic Manner in His Barn in Huntington, L. I.

She Is a Blonde of Eighteen and Cannot Control Her Legacy for Three Years.

MEANWHILE MANY BEAUX SEEK HER.

The Fortunate Young Lady Is, However, Heart Free—Nelson Sands, the Uncle, Was a Well-to-Do Farmer of Syosset.

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